

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District
of Bude-Stratton for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area. 4,294 acres.

Population. 4,459 (estimated).

Number of Inhabited Houses. 1,284.

Rateable Value. £44,370.

Penny Rate Produces. £184.

Social Conditions. The Social Conditions remain the same. The District is largely dependent on summer visitors.



Vital Statistics.

Total number of Deaths, 60. Males 33. Females 27. Rate per 1,000, 13.45.

Total number of Births, 50. Males 20. Females 30. Rate per 1,000, 11.21.

Illegitimate Births, 2. Males 1. Females 1.

Stillbirths, 5. Males 2. Females 3.

Deaths from puerperal causes, Nil.

Deaths from Cancer, 10. Males 5. Females 5.

Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough and Diarrhoea, Nil.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. (1) One part time Medical Officer of Health.
One whole time Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) (a) Laboratory Facilities. None in the District. Work done by County.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities. Motor Ambulance provided and maintained by the Urban and Rural District Councils jointly adequately provides for the needs of the District.
- (c) Nursing in the Homes. Provided by the Local Nursing Association.
- (d) Treatment Centres and Clinics. Orthopædic Centres at Launceston and Plymouth.
- (e) Hospitals. Cottage Hospital situated at Stratton contains 18 Beds and is supported by voluntary subscriptions and payments from Patients.
Isolation Hospital containing 14 Beds is maintained jointly by the Urban and Rural District Councils.
2. Maternity and Child Welfare.
 - (1) Two resident Midwives in the District.
Child Welfare Clinic held at Bude monthly.
 - (2) Institution Provision for Mothers & Children situated at Launceston.
 - (3) Health Visitors and
 - (4) Child Life Protection. } The two resident Midwives supervise the
Infants.
 - (5) Dental, Orthopaedic, etc. Cases. Dental Cases admitted to the Cottage Hospital. Orthopaedic Cases attend Clinic at Launceston and Plymouth.
3. Nursing Homes. One certificated Nursing Home in the District.
No necessity for supervision of Nursing Homes or unregistered Homes, as there are no Public ones.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. (1) **Water.** An excellent supply, tested twice a year.
(2) **Drainage and Sewerage.** Bude has an excellent drainage which empties into the sea at times suitable for the tide.
Stratton Ward has a system of Septic Tanks which is well looked after, and is efficient.
Poughill Ward. The Council have under consideration a scheme for the disposal of the sewage from part of this ward, which has not been entirely satisfactory in the past.
2. **Rivers and Streams.** No streams polluted.
3. (1) **Closet Accommodation.** The majority of the houses in the Bude and Stratton Wards are connected with the main sewerage system. A few outlying houses have either Cesspits or Earth Closets.
(2) **Public Cleansing.** Undertaken by the Council, and is satisfactorily done.
(3) **Sanitary Inspection of the Area.**
Total number of inspections made for all purposes, 1344.
New private water supplies provided, None.
Number of samples of water analysed, Satisfactory 2.
Existing private water supplies improved, None.
Pail or Privy Closets converted to water closets, None.
Number of complaints received, None.
Nuisances abated, 22.
Number of cowsheds and dairies inspected, 58.
Number of samples of milk taken, None.
Number of inspections of Bakehouses, 42.
Number of inspections made of Camping Sites, 12.
Number of premises fumigated, 10.
Number of inspections of Schools, 4.
Housing Statistics. Number of New Houses,
By the Local Authority, None.
By other persons, 30.
(4) **Shops and Offices.** No action taken under the Shops Act, 1934.
(5) **Camping Sites.** Number of Sites in respect of which Licences have been issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, 3.
(6) **Smoke Abatement.** No action necessary.
(7) **Swimming Baths and Pools.** A Tidal Swimming Pool has been constructed on the Beach at Bude which is most popular, and is a great attraction to Visitors. It is situated so that it is cleaned out twice a day by the incoming tide. A servant of the Council is in charge, with life-saving apparatus at hand.
(8) **Eradication of Bed Bugs.** No action has been required.
4. **Schools.** A new School with satisfactory water and sewerage systems has been built to take the children of the district over 11 years of age. The other National Schools (three in number) are in a satisfactory condition.

SECTION D.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts), 31.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose, 55.
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932, 35.

- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose, 35.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, None.
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 12.

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers, 12.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs, None.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners, None.
 - (b) By local Authority in default of owners, None.

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied, None.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners, None.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners, None.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made, None.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders, None.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made, None.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit, None.

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :—

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year, 2.
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein, 2.
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein, 14.
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year, None.
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year, 3.
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding, None.
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report, None.

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

- (a) Milk Supply. The cowsheds and dairies are regularly inspected.
- (b) Meat and other Foods. The Slaughterhouses and Shops have been regularly inspected.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

			Bovines.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	...	...	—	—	—
Number inspected	...	...	124	1958	2390

All diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole carcases condemned	...	...	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	4	25	28
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis			11%	4%	3%

Tuberculosis only.

Whole carcases condemned	...	...	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	...	...	—	—	—

- (c) Adulteration, etc. No action required.
- (d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food. No action has been required.
- (e) Nutrition. No action taken.
- (f) Shell Fish. No Shell Fish beds in the District.

SECTION F.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases: Respiratory, Males 2, Females 4.
Non Respiratory, Males 1, Females 2.

No evidence of excessive incidence or mortality.

Notifiable Diseases. Scarlet Fever, 3. Paratyphoid, 1.

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